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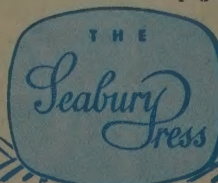
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## Growing San Joaquin Urged to Share Faith, Support Freedom

Address by the Rt. Rev. Sumner Walters at Forty-fourth Annual Convocation of the Missionary District of San Joaquin  
St. Paul's Day, Jan. 25, 1954, St. John's Church, Stockton

### The Defense of Freedom

As an association of Christian people it is incumbent upon us that we not avoid taking a stand concerning the great questions of the day. One of the glories of the history of our land has been the proud freedom expressed by the Patrick Henrys, the William Lloyd Garrisons, the Theodore Roosevelts.

Today there are two dangerously subversive forces in this country continuously working to regiment and enslave the minds of Americans, those of the extreme left, hidden and secretive, and those of the extreme right, heavily financed, playing on the fears of people. This second force too often fights communism with communist methods.

Among the malicious, anti-democratic propaganda spread by demagogues has been that attacking the Federal Council of Churches and more recently its successor the National Council of Churches. These propagandists include a deposed Presbyterian minister and publicity seeker. Another ex-minister, whose magazine article appeared last summer, has been repudiated for his gross inaccuracies, but there are those who continue to quote his misrepresentations. Other professionals include notorious propagandists who in the thirties were exposed as leaders of various fascistic "silver shirt" organizations.

I have not heard of a clergyman who has been proved to be a communist. But I do know many who for years have fought for justice and for unpopular causes, in behalf of depressed minorities, with achievements which the deceitful hypocrisy of communism has no intention of fulfilling. But these ministers made enemies, for their unselfishness and heroism.

Jesus was killed because of trumped-up charges that he was endangering Caesar's authority. Let us not fail to protect truth, justice, and Christian freedom as we search for the poison of communism, for the good of all of us. Christian people of all Churches must stand closely together against falsehood and slander.

One of the organizations under attack by the isolationist, nationalistic type of mind is the United Nations. This campaign, as one authority puts it, is led by a lunatic fringe of the extreme right, abetted by some who ought to know better. These are the type of people making unjustified charges against Unesco.

As President Eisenhower's special committee proved in 1953, Unesco does *not* supply text books to subvert our children's minds and is *not* interested in trying to commit the United States into a world government. As a matter of record the United Nations organization did definitely stop three different wars prior to the Korean invasion by communists. And Unesco is one of the fine activities of the UN in promoting greater understanding and self-help among underprivileged peoples.

To end American membership in the United Nations would be a blueprint for disaster. In the words of *The New York Times*, each nation, and each person, must make the choice between living in the jungle or attempting to clear it. And in the testimony of the great Filipino, General Carlos Romulo, a former president of the United Nations:

"Are we not the better human beings that we can look up to a goal? It gives us some of the divine, that we as human beings, with feet of clay, can look up to and hope and work for a dream which, when it comes, will be a blessing to all mankind." I thank God for the nobility of Christian principle which directs the hand of the President of the United States, who puts truth and justice before politics in these matters.

### Building Additions

St. Paul's, Bakersfield, is now in the midst of building their new church, which may prove to be the handsomest and largest in the district when completed.

The Redeemer, Delano, completed in the spring, 1953, one of the loveliest and most useful small churches I have seen.

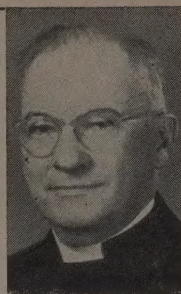
The Saviour, Hanford, in the summer had a cam-

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# The Bishop's Page

Sumner Walters



## Thank you!

My tenth anniversary as Bishop of San Joaquin, celebrated at Stockton on St. Paul's Day, Jan. 25, by our forty-fourth annual convocation, went far beyond by expectations. I do thank all of you, my friends, who shared in the gift of \$2,528. When it is used a little later I hope the manner of spending this generous gift will bring satisfaction to the donors as well as to the recipient.

While many beautiful words were expressed I certainly feel that Evelyn was included equally because of her own great contributions of service

## District Calendar

### MARCH

- 10 Fresno: Council of Advice, Executive Council
- 12-14 Parish Life Conference: The Rev. Galen Onstad
- 14 Bishop at Reedley
- 21 Bishop at Visalia and Arvin
- 22 Delano: Woman's Auxiliary leadership training meeting for Southern Deanery
- 25 Los Banos: ordination of the Rev. William T. Halstead to the priesthood
- 26-28 Parish Life Conference: the Rev. Samuel R. D'Amico
- 28 Bishop at St. Anne's, Stockton

### APRIL

- 2-4 Parish Life Conference
- 3 Lone Pine: Woman's Auxiliary leadership training meeting for Eastern Deanery
- 4 Bishop at Lone Pine and China Lake
- 5 Booker T. Washington born 1856
- 11 Bishop at St. John's, Stockton and Turlock
- 12 Reedley: Woman's Auxiliary leadership training meeting for Central Deanery

to the Church in the past decade. How happy have been our relationships with you all! May God give you increasing courage, strength and joy.

## We Welcome . . .

. . . The Rev. E. Leslie Rolls and Mrs. Rolls to the Mission of the Redeemer, Delano. For the past twelve years Mr. Rolls has been rector of the Church of the Ascension, Twin Falls, Idaho.

In that missionary district he has been secretary of convocation since 1942, and has served as member of the council of advice, deputy to General Convention, editor of the *Idaho Messenger* and chairman of the board of examining chaplains. He is a graduate of the Church Divinity School of the Pacific.

Mrs. Rolls is widely experienced in Christian education and WA work.

## Chancellor

Robert K. Meyers, district attorney of Tulare County for seven years past, has accepted appointment as chancellor of San Joaquin. A native of Missouri, he is a graduate of Stanford University.

Mrs. Meyers was the former Pearl Secker. Mr. and Mrs. Meyers have been faithful communicants of St. John's Church, Tulare, for a number of years.

## News in Brief

- St. Paul's, Visalia, has been given by one donor new pews costing five thousand dollars.
- Mrs. William A. Field of China Lake has been appointed by the Bishop as district president of the Girls' Friendly Society for 1954.
- Helen Wagstaff has been elected Secretary of the Department of Education of the Eighth Province.

## The Bishop's Diary

JANUARY

- 2-3 Delano
- 5 Visalia
- 6 Ordination, Max L. Drake Madera
- 8 San Francisco: Northern California Council of Churches
- 9 Fresno
- 10 Hanford, Mendota
- 12 Berkeley: St. Margaret's Committee  
Alameda: annual meeting
- 16 Fresno, Tulare
- 17 Delano, Arvin
- 18 Fresno
- 19 San Francisco: provincial meeting  
Oakland: St. Paul's annual meeting
- 24-26 Convocation
- 29 Fresno: ministerial meeting  
Missionary Education Board
- 31 Bakersfield

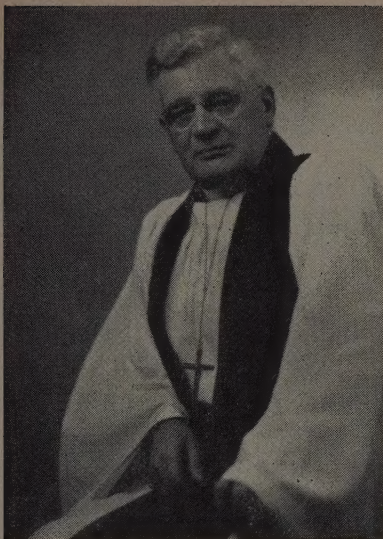
## Theologs Fill Many Pulpits To Explain Seminary Needs

Theological Education Sunday was the main emphasis at the Church Divinity School of the Pacific through the month of January. The January issue of the *CDSP Times* was devoted entirely to Theological Education Sunday, and special literature was prepared and sent out to all churches in the Province.

Nearly all the students and faculty filled pulpits on Theological Education Sunday, some as far away as Los Angeles and Seattle. San Joaquin students preached at various churches in the area: Connor Lynn at St. Paul's, Visalia; Stanley Sinclair at St. James', Sonora; and John Keester at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Cloverdale.

February was the last month of the winter quarter, with final examinations starting March 1. One other important event took place in February, the Earl Lectures, which are sponsored annually by the Pacific School of Religion in Berkeley. At these lectures well-known men are brought to the bay area as guest speakers. This year the dates were Feb. 23-25, and CDSP classes were dismissed, as usual, in order for the students to take advantage of the lectures and seminars.





**NEWCOMER** from Twin Falls, Idaho, the Rev. E. Leslie Rolfs, now in charge of Mission of the Redeemer, Delano, is welcome to District

## The Bishop's Address

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paign to build a much-needed church school building, additional to their present parish house.

St. Anne's, Stockton, has erected an addition to its parish hall.

St. Francis of Assisi, Turlock, has been consecrated free of debt, an \$80,000 church and parish hall, which five years ago replaced the previous rented rooms in an office building.

St. Paul's, Visalia, has enlarged its church which was built only three years ago, doubled the size of its parish house and connected the two buildings with an attractive cloister.

A number of churches have received substantial memorials and other gifts, including such costly additions as organs and chancel furniture.

The main building of Camp San Joaquin has been handsomely reconstructed, made possible by a gift of \$10,500 from the national Woman's Auxiliary, a part of the United Thank Offering of the last triennial. We are most grateful to the National Executive Board.

On Dec. 3, 1953, I met with an enthusiastic group of people at Arvin and initiated with them St. Peter's Mission, third new church in Kern County in the decade.

St. Columba's Mission, Fresno, has arranged for a building campaign in the spring, to provide more space than their crowded chapel now affords.

### Spiritual Children

Recently I shared a program on evangelism with Dr. Paxton, the director of that work for the Presbyterian Church in the eighteen western States. For all Churches in the west he described our task in this way: Every church should have a baby, that is, a mission which the older congregation is lovingly helping to become stronger and to achieve independent status.

Due to the unparalleled immigration into the West from the rest of the country the Church-connected part of the population, i.e. of all Christian bodies, dropped from twenty-six per cent in 1940 to twenty-one per cent in 1950. If you think your city is utterly crowded with churches, count up their total seating capacity and see how small a number of your population could be accommodated.

Unless your community is a rare exception seventy-five per cent or more of your fellow-townsmen have their names on no church books of any denomination, do not contribute, seldom if ever attend. You may have a number of Pentecostal chapels, but almost certainly you have too few or too small "old line" churches, including our own. And

## Windows Give Added Beauty To St. Francis', Turlock

Four additional memorial windows have been installed at St. Francis', Turlock. They are *Presentation*, *Gift of Magi*, *At Home*, and *Resurrection*. In the near future the final windows will be in place, adding great beauty to the church.

The annual parish meeting and dinner on Jan. 12 was well attended. The budget was accepted and plans for the year were made. Reports of various guilds were read and accepted and showed growth and activity, as did the Young People's Fellowship and church school. Vestrymen elected for a three-year term were Jack Noda, Harry Oliver, and Russell Zimmerman.

*Bon voyage* was given Mrs. Nancy McMahon, retiring president of St. Francis' Guild, as she leaves for Hawaii.

let us not be deceived by large and publicized churches in great cities, where the residential areas are very underchurched. It has been proved by scientific survey studies that *more* churches reach more people.

In this connection an editor of *Fortune* made an intensive study of an Illinois community. He found that most new people (and the turnover in almost every town and city is enormous) shopped around for a church for these five satisfactions:

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**ORDINATION** of the Rev. Max L. Drake to diaconate took place at St. Paul's Church, Visalia. Left to right are the Rev. Greer M. Taylor, Jr., preacher; the Rev. Paul E. Langpaap, litanist; Bishop Walters; Mr. Drake; the Rev. Victor M. Rivera, St. Paul's rector, who presented Mr. Drake.



## New Officers and Delegates Are Elected by Convocation

Convocation elected to the executive council the Rev. Walter M. Clarke, Jr., and Lloyd Goodale of Bishop. Appointed by the Bishop were the Rev. John T. Raymond and R. V. Richardson of Tulare. Continuing in office are the Rev. Paul E. Langpaap, the Rev. Victor M. Rivera, the Rev. Arthur Beckwith, the Rev. Charles M. Brandon, Ed B. Leduc, of Turlock, Aaron Chalfant of St. Columba's, Fresno, Charles K. Fisher of St. James' Cathedral, and Russell Kennedy of Bakersfield. Mrs. E. L. Wetmore, newly elected president of the Woman's Auxiliary, is a member *ex officio*.

To the council of advice the Bishop appointed the Rev. Ralph H. Cox, elected president, Mr. Langpaap, the Very Rev. James M. Malloch, the Rev. James P. Trotter, Howard Frame of Porterville, Gerald Hodgins, of St. John's, Stockton, John Magill of Tulare, and Ralph P. Neate of Coalinga.

Robert K. Meyers of Visalia was appointed chancellor by the Bishop. Examining chaplains are the Rev. Wilbur L. Caswell, Mr. Raymond, Mr. Rivera, and the Rev. E. Leslie Rolls. Mr. Rivera was elected secretary of convocation and registrar. Robert Briggs of St. Anne's, Stockton, was appointed director of laymen's work.

Elected delegates to Provincial Synod at Bellingham, Wash., May 4-6, are the Rev. Wayne Parker, Mr. Brandon, the Rev. Carleton J. Sweetser, Mr. Neate, Moton Holt, and Dimpson Hornage. Alternates are Mr. Langpaap, the Rev. Leonard D. Dixon, the Rev. B. Stanley Moore, E. L. Wetmore, J. J. Davis, and Emmerson Herrick.

To the Anglican Congress at Minneapolis, Aug. 4-15, the Rev. George M. L. Woodgates and Ralph Neate were elected delegates, Mr. Brandon and Walter Willmette, alternates.

The Woman's Auxiliary elected Mrs. E. L. Wetmore of Modesto president, Mrs. Neil Schellbach of Reedley vice president, and Mrs. P. S. Gaff of St. Anne's, Stockton, president of the northern deanery.



These youngsters are a church school class hailing from All Saints', Mendota

## GFS at Oakdale Church Learns Arts and Crafts

The Girls' Friendly Society at St. Matthias' Church, Oakdale, has nine regular members, and guests are always welcome. The members are president, Margaret Morrison; vice president, Diane Stone; secretary-treasurer, Phyllis Gerow; and Marlys Carr, Pattee Fulkerson, Jane Long, Kathie Stewart, Sally Owens, and Edith Null.

Since September, 1953, the GFS has participated in many activities. The girls used textile paints to decorate five dozen handkerchiefs which they sold at the church bazaar. They were hostesses to the entire church membership for coffee and home made cookies after Sunday services.

The girls presented a play for their parents just before Christmas and served tea and cookies. At this time a set of eight dish towels embroidered by the girls was presented for use in the church kitchen. The GFS also participated in the regular Sunday school program by singing *The Birthday of a King*.

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one, the kind of ministry; two, the calibre of the church school; three, convenience of location; four, denomination; and five, music. These should be carefully noted by our church leaders as guides as to what features of our parish program are of prime importance in building our membership.

### Ten Years

In the past decade the following new church buildings or chapels have been or are being built, or otherwise procured: Avenal, Bakersfield, Bishop, China Lake, Delano, St. Columba's in Fresno, Los Banos, Sonora, St. Anne's in Stockton, Terminus, Tracy, Turlock, Visalia. Parish houses: Bakersfield, Bishop, Cathedral, Hanford, Lindsay, Lodi, Modesto, Oakdale, St. Anne's in Stockton, Tulare, Visalia. Rectories: Coalinga, St. Columba's in Fresno, Hanford, Lindsay, Lone Pine, Los Banos, Modesto, Oakdale, Porterville, Sonora, St. Anne's in Stockton, Tracy, Turlock, Visalia.

These units total thirty-eight, with a valuation of about a million dollars. Besides the pledges for this construction, giving for parish running expenses increased four and a half times, missionary and other extra-

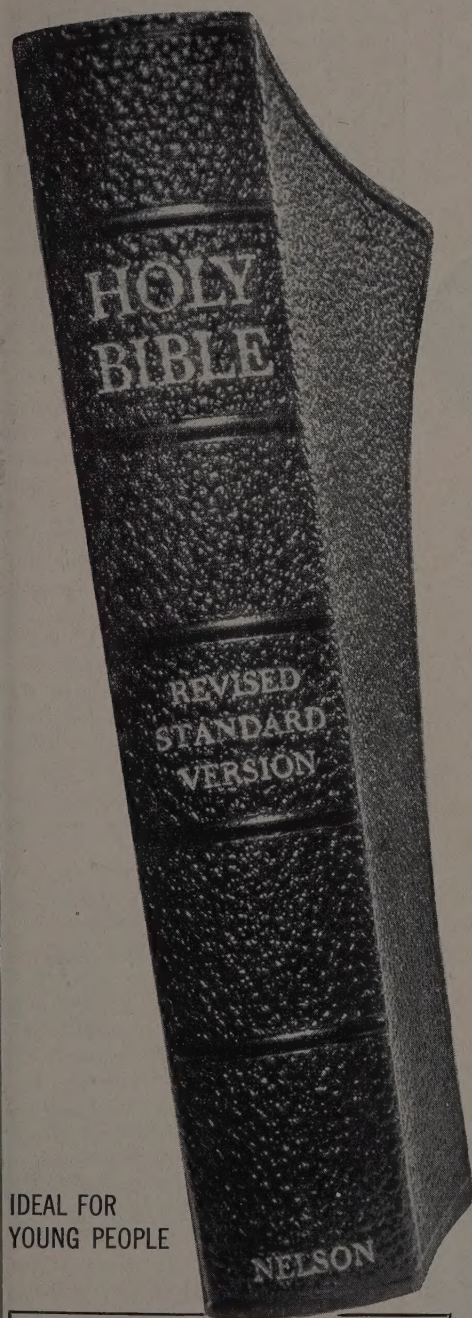
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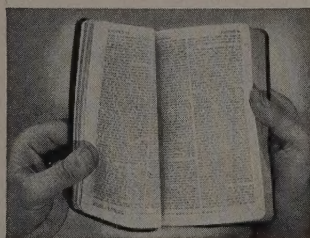
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## Turning the Pages

SOME noteworthy statistics concerning the growth of the Church are recorded by the 1954 *Episcopal Church Annual*.

An increase of 75,110 baptized persons brings the total membership of the Church to 2,790,935, an increase of 2.77 per cent. The number of persons confirmed, including those received from other communions, reached a new high of 94,600, an increase of 5,511 or 7.39 per cent. Communicants numbered 1,777,631, an increase of 2.03 per cent.

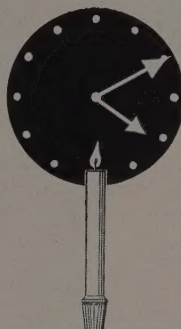
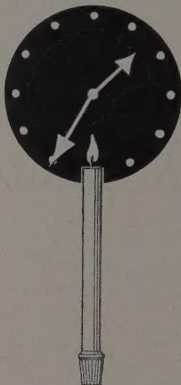
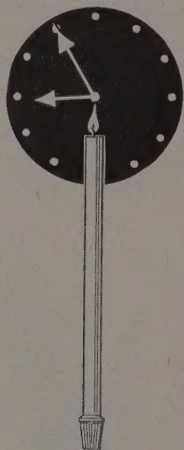
For the first time, the number of clergy has gone over the 7,000 mark. The increase during 1953 amounted to 275 or 3.95 per cent, bringing the total to 7,233. Compared with 7,999 organized parishes and missions, and more than two and one-half million church members, the number of clergy is still inadequate for an effective ministry. A significant development in recent years has been the important role of the lay readers who now number 517 more than the ordained ministry. It is through the work of the lay readers that much of the Church's growth has been made possible.

Although a small decrease in the number of postulants was reported, the number of candidates for Holy Orders increased by 11.54 per cent, a total of 657. Four hundred and three men were ordained deacons, and 367 priests.

In the church schools the increase in teachers kept pace with the increase in pupils, maintaining a ratio of 8.6 to one. Total pupils enrolled were 618,002, an increase of 32,904 over the preceding year. The teachers totalled 71,096, an increase of 4,138.

In general the greatest growth was in the missionary districts, but growth is evident everywhere, with the Province of the Pacific heading the list. The Missionary District of the Philippines tops all others with a 21.20 per cent increase in communicants. The Diocese of Sacramento is second with 19.43 per cent increase, followed by the Missionary Districts of North Texas, 11.97 per cent; Mexico, 11.52 per cent; Honolulu, 11.42 per cent; Haiti, 10.38 per cent;

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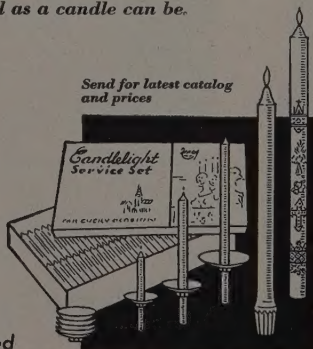
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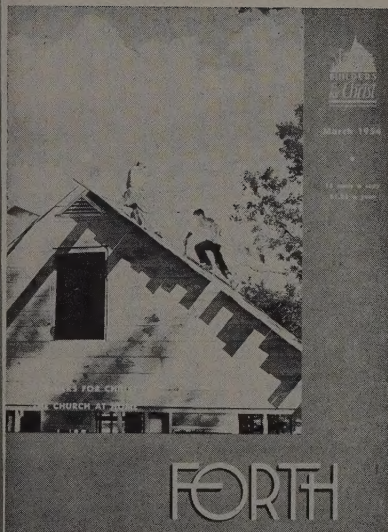
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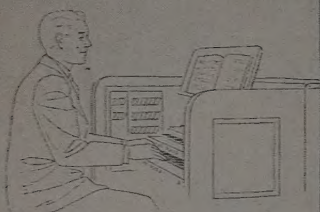


THE COVER. A growing Church in a growing nation, as indicated by the statistics on page 2, must keep pace with construction in new communities. To learn how *Builders for Christ* may help the Church at home, please turn to pages 13 and 16.

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### MARCH

#### Lent

- 3 Ash Wednesday
- 25 The Annunciation

### APRIL

- 11 Palm Sunday
- 15 Maundy Thursday
- 16 Good Friday
- 17 Easter Even
- 18 Easter Day
- 23-26 WA Executive Board, Seabury House, Greenwich, Conn.
- 26 St. Mark's Day
- 27-29 National Council, Seabury House

## Turning the Pages

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Nevada, 9.80 per cent; Southern Brazil, 9.71 per cent; Alaska, 8.5 per cent; and the Panama Canal Zone, 8.12 per cent.

The statistics show the results of a vigorous church program both at home and overseas. We move into 1954 with encouragement and look forward to reviewing the same statistics a year from now, confident that the Church's Mission during 1953 will prove fruitful.

### As Lent Begins

Since early in this century the Church's official magazine has designated the issue nearest the beginning of Lent as a special Lenten number. The first Lenten numbers were generally children's issues, but twenty odd years ago it seemed wise to make this special number a typical issue of the magazine, representing the whole range of the Church's work. The aspect of this issue which has remained unchanged throughout the years is its availability as a source of income for our boys and girls Church School Missionary Offering. Thousands of boys and girls who see copies of this magazine and those who sell subscriptions as well thereby earn a generous commission for the benefit of their offering.

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897 .....	63,161.10
901 .....	104,577.53
907 .....	137,914.43
917 .....	192,930.92
923 .....	401,700.00
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932 .....	349,546.56
937 .....	295,634.68
942 .....	306,135.02
947 .....	499,850.60
948 .....	471,785.85
949 .....	509,393.48
950 .....	526,679.41
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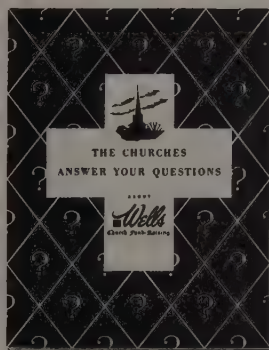
#### A Look Ahead

THE Rt. Rev. Malcolm E. Peabody, Bishop of Central New York, left New York on January 2 for a seven-week visit to the Caribbean area, the Panama Canal Zone, and Mexico. In an early issue, FORTH will be privileged to share with its readers Bishop Peabody's impressions of these important missionary areas.

Other visitors to the Church's work in the Caribbean include the Bishop of New York, the Rt. Rev. Horace W. B. Donegan, who early in February spent two weeks in Puerto Rico. The Presiding Bishop flew to Cuba immediately on the adjournment of the February meeting of the National Council. He is attending the annual convocation in that missionary district which this year celebrates the fiftieth anniversary of the consecration of the first Missionary Bishop of Cuba. The present Bishop of Cuba, writes of these fifty years in an article planned for the April issue.

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CONSTRUCTION begins on the church at International Christian University in Mitaka, Japan. Funds to build the first section without tower were raised by Christians in Iowa. Scheduled for completion in April, 1954, the tower of the church will be the first structure that students will see as they enter the campus. Women of Church aid university through United Thank Offering.



OAK LEAF Cluster to the Bronze Star has been awarded to Chaplain James A. Mayo for meritorious service with U. S. Air Force in Korea. Chaplain Mayo has returned to United States.

## YOUR CHURCH in the News



RECENTLY BUILT mission, Church of the Redeemer, in Kenmore, Wash., has raised funds to increase facilities. Rare and beautiful coverings for altar rail cushions have been installed at St. Paul's Church, Newport, Ark. (below). Symbols of church year seasons, designed by Mrs. George D. Clark, rector's wife, were executed in needlepoint by Mrs. H. G. Sanders.



● THE January 23 issue of *The Saturday Evening Post* contains an article by Major General William F. Dean, entitled *My Three Years as a Dead Man*, recalling the general's experience as a prisoner of the communists in Korea. General Dean, an Episcopalian, received his first Communion after his liberation at a celebration by the Rt. Rev. Henry Knox Sherrill, Presiding Bishop, at St. Luke's Hospital, Toyko (FORTH, December, 1953, page 11) during Bishop Sherrill's visit to Japan in September, 1953.

● TODAY there are more priests in Alaska than ever before in the history of the missionary district. For the first time during the ministry of the Rt. Rev. William J. Gordon, Jr., Missionary Bishop of Alaska, every mission post is manned.

The outlook in Alaska is encouraging, but there are still many needs which have not yet been met. Examples of opportunity are fourteen Indian and Eskimo villages, two with populations of more than two hundred and fifty, which are served only by itinerant priests from distant missions. These priests seldom are able to visit all the outlying towns more than six times a year.

It is the aim of the Church in Alaska to strengthen itself as much as possible in towns such as Anchorage, Ketchikan, Fairbanks, and





HONORARY Doctor of Sacred Theology Degree from Russian Orthodox Theological Academy in Paris was conferred recently on the Rt. Rev. Henry Knox Sherrill, Presiding Bishop (right), shown talking with the Most Rev. Metropolitan Leonty (center), and the Rt. Rev. Lauriston L. Scaife, Bishop of Western New York, who heads Joint Committee on Assistance to Orthodox Churches

Juneau, which are the centers of population and wealth with the hope that these churches may become self-supporting and in turn contribute toward other work.

The Episcopal Church is the only Church outside the Roman Communion which has work in each community along the south coast of Alaska, an economically strategic territory. At Ketchikan a sixty-million-dollar pulp mill is nearing completion and several other mills may be built along the coast, effecting the whole economy through logging, lumbering, and allied work, and at-

tracting many people to the area.

The completion of the building programs at Anchorage (FORTH, December, 1953, page 9) and Petersburg, both on the south coast, are milestones in Alaska for 1953.

● THE Rev. William G. Wright, Director of the Home Department, has been appointed chairman of the National Council of Churches' newly formed Committee on Spanish American Work. The committee will study the problem of bringing the Church to the vast number of Spanish-speaking people who

have immigrated from Mexico and Puerto Rico.

Mr. Wright feels that segregation of Spanish-speaking people in special churches would hinder assimilation and believes that these congregations should be integrated with English-speaking congregations. One method of bridging the language barrier would be through parish callers who are able to explain in Spanish the beliefs, liturgy, and activities of the Church.

● THE 1953 record of ordinations, postulants, and candidates for Holy Orders in the Missionary District of the Panama Canal Zone has surpassed all previous records in the history of the missionary district. Seven men were ordered to the priesthood or diaconate and there were eight postulants and candidates. Most of these men are native-born. Through supplying its own men the Canal Zone is helping answer the problem of a chronic clergy shortage (FORTH, January, page 32).

● THE Episcopal Church ranks fifth among fourteen non-Roman Churches in the United States in total contributions received from living donors, according to the annual summary by the Joint Department of Stewardship and Benevolence of the National Council of Churches of Christ. Average per member contribution in the Episcopal Church is \$43.43, slightly higher than the average \$41.94.



IN BOGATA, Colombia, nine thousand feet above sea level, the Ven. David B. Reed officiates at newly established St. Alban's Chapel. Archdeacon Reed is Church's only resident clergyman in Colombia. He works with fourteen congregations scattered widely throughout Colombia.



MORE BEDS for more patients will be provided by new building at St. Luke's Hospital, Phoenix, Ariz., dedicated to fight against tuberculosis, the number one public health menace in Arizona. The Rt. Rev. Arthur B. Kinsolving II, Missionary Bishop of Arizona, officiated at ground-breaking.





Continuous parade occurs each Sunday at St. Luke's Chapel, Renton, Wash. As older children file out, pre-school youngsters fill chapel.

# They Brought Young Children to Christ

SPECIAL CHAPEL ACQUAINTS CHILDREN WITH CHURCH CUSTOMS

By JACKSON W. GRANHOLM

**T**HEY brought young children to Christ, that he should touch them: and his disciples rebuked those that brought them. But when Jesus saw it, he was much displeased, and said unto them, Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God. Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter therein. And he took them up in his arms, put his hands upon them, and blessed them.

The Godparents stood before the font, the infant in the arms of one of them, as the priest spoke these words of St. Mark's Gospel. Then, as the priest directed them, the sponsors and the congregation together said the prayer of humble thanks for knowledge of grace and for faith in God, part of the Ministration of Holy Baptism. The faces of the congregation were lifted toward the font and the priest and the tiny infant. The priest then took the infant in his arms and as the water was poured the child suddenly began to cry.

Here and there throughout the congregation a lip seemed to quiver



FULLY EQUIPPED children's chapel cost about \$7,000 and will seat approximately one hundred. St. Luke's rector suggested building chapel for children when church school became overcrowded.

in sympathy, for the members of the congregation were children themselves. The oldest of them is six years old. Each Sunday, in Renton, Wash., these children meet together to worship God.

The City of Renton lies in the valley at the south end of Lake Washington. It is only a few miles from Seattle, its much larger neighbor. Renton Municipal Airport on

the shore of the lake is the location of the Renton Plant of the Boeing Airplane Company, builder of some of the nation's largest military airplanes. A few blocks away is the Pacific Car and Foundry Company, maker of railroad cars, tanks, trucks, logging machinery, and other heavy equipment. The Boeing plant was built during World War II, and Pacific Car and Foundry greatly ex-





**ALTAR FURNISHINGS** for children's chapel were presented as memorial gift. Parent church (below) and smaller chapel are of same general architectural style and same materials.



panded its activities during that period. Renton, serving as a residential and business district for these factories and for much of the south end industrial section of Seattle, was heavily affected. Between the census years 1940 and 1950 its population tripled.

The Church School of St. Luke's Parish underwent a like experience. Its enrollment skyrocketed from forty-three in 1940 to 287 at present.

The church building of St. Luke's is constructed with a full basement room known as the guild hall. In 1940 the various classes of the Sunday school met there for instruction, following the common service held upstairs in the church. The guild hall became inadequate immediately after the recent war, and so a temporary wooden building was built behind the church, using a concrete tennis court as a foundation. This building was used both for classes and services for the younger children of the church school. Soon, however, even this additional room began to be cramped, so the primary department children moved into the basement of the rectory.

This rapid growth and consequent overcrowding brought with it new and different problems than any that had hitherto faced the church school. One problem was the recruiting and training of new teachers to care for the additional children. A program was undertaken whereby the teachers received help in the preparation of their material. They met together to discuss their common problems and to exchange

teaching techniques. The impetus behind this program came largely from church school superintendent, Clarence A. Lody, now a candidate for Holy Orders. Lody worked tirelessly and gave unsparingly of himself to keep pace with the rapid expansion of the church school.

Many interesting incidents were traceable to the unusual surroundings in which the children found themselves. During one primary service in the rectory basement the teacher said, "This is God's house." A small girl replied indignantly, "It is not! It's the rector's basement."

In 1951 it became apparent that, even by utilizing the church, the guild hall, the temporary wooden building, and the basement of the rectory, the situation was not being met. It was then that the rector made the proposal which resulted in the next step.

The Rev. Godfrey W. J. Hartzel, rector of St. Luke's, is a native of Atlantic City, N.J. He first became acquainted with the State of Washington during his service as a Navy chaplain. In 1945 he was called to be vicar of St. Luke's, then a mission. One of his first accomplishments was to help St. Luke's Church become a parish in 1946.

Mr. Hartzel suggested a chapel for children. The idea caught on rapidly, and in early 1952 the vestry decided to go ahead. A preliminary study indicated that a building having the desired attributes could be built for about seven thousand dollars. There was a problem of finance involved, for the embryo parish

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**EACH CHILD** attends services in traditional settings, becoming familiar with ritual. Occasional sacraments administered have a teaching role.



**OPPORTUNITY** St. Luke's Chapel offers children to be true participants rather than accessories to adult congregation makes it an asset





Pat Miller from Monkmeier

STREETS in slum areas breed trouble for youth of Ponce, Puerto Rico. Year-old St. Michael's House provides organized recreation for more than one thousand under-privileged boys.

level of per capita income in Puerto Rico is \$144 a month and the majority of St. Michael's boys come from the sixty-two per cent of Puerto Ricans having less than \$120. Many of them come from broken and unhappy homes, creating problems which in many cases have already brought them into trouble with the law. Many have a father in jail or an older brother in the Industrial School.

The dream of St. Michael's House began in January, 1948, when the Sisters of the Transfiguration, located on the grounds of St. Luke's Episcopal Hospital, began working with boys in the *galera de menores*, a section of the Ponce District Jail which served as a detention for boys from eight to sixteen. Classes in recreation and religion were held weekly. When in September, 1950, this *galera* was closed, the Sisters were asked to continue the classes with the boys from sixteen to twenty years of age who were housed in the *galera de juvenes* of the jail.

Visiting the homes of the boys after they were released from jail, helping individual boys with problems, keeping in touch with those sent to the Industrial School or

JUAN ROBERTO, familiarly known as Coqui, put his hand on Cesar's shoulder as they walked down the hall of the district courthouse.

"Come over to St. Michael's," he said. "It is time for sandwiches and Sister will give you some clothes and tennis shoes." He proudly scuffed his own shoes as he walked along.

The two boys, aged fifteen and thirteen, had been with the probation officer, awaiting a session with the juvenile judge. Both boys were orphans, Cesar living with a very poor family and Coqui literally living on the streets. About a year before, Coqui had abetted the more adventuresome members of a gang of boys who were causing trouble and ten of the ringleaders had been sent to the Industrial School. Coqui and the others began to come to St. Michael's and since then, Coqui has been in trouble only once.

Boys like Cesar and Coqui have found a home in St. Michael's, the center of the work the Sisters of the Transfiguration are doing with un-

derprivileged and delinquent boys in Ponce, Puerto Rico. St. Michael's House at 11 Pabellones Street recently had its first birthday and already has had a program of activity and assistance to more than one thousand boys.

When the house was opened, it was the only recreation center for boys in Ponce, a city of more than one hundred thousand people. It has attracted boys of all ages and types, from boys like Coqui to children from wealthy families. Of the total number of boys who have used the facilities, however, at least eighty-five per cent come from the poorest of homes, while of the 125-150 boys who spend a good part of each day at the center, the percentage is close to 100. The subsistence

penitentiary, all grew out of this work and the need for a center became apparent. Boys began coming to the convent for help, both material and spiritual; mothers came for advice about sons in difficulty; and younger brothers and sisters followed. While the Sisters welcomed their visitors, the convent could not provide the needed facilities: a place for recreation, private rooms for conferences, a suitable place for distributing food and clothing, and, above all, a daytime home the boys could call their own.

The dream came true on May 26, 1952, when the Rt. Rev. A. Ervine Swift, Missionary Bishop of Puerto Rico, signed papers purchasing a house and a lot as a center. The purchase was made possible through

## They Have a Home

### PONCE RECREATION CENTER GUIDES U



a gift of \$3,000 and a loan of \$3,000 from the National Council. Located directly across the street from the former *galera de menores*, the house is a very old one and was badly in need of repair. During June and July new floors and electrical wiring were put in, painting and other necessary repairs were done. About twelve of the boys helped and thus the house immediately began to function as a center. Soon after beginning repairs three small boys appeared in ragged and dirty clothing, literally living on the streets. They were given baths and a change of clothes by the Sisters and St. Michael's House was formally open for business.

Many materials for repairing the house and furnishing it were gifts from various Poncé firms and other friends of the Order. The Sisters originally planned to have offices, storerooms, and conference rooms in the house but these plans were abandoned quickly in order that the entire house might be used for recreation. In back of the house is a small patio and an even smaller garage which provides space for basketball, volleyball, horseshoes, ping pong, and other games. In the house are

Recreation Commission opened a boys' club not far from St. Michael's in March, the Sisters thought attendance at St. Michael's might be affected. After the first few days, however, it had returned to normal and during the summer the number was often almost too large to handle. St. Michael's is more than a recreational center. It is a home where love, patience, and understanding prevail and where no boy has been too much of a problem to find a welcome.

St. Michael's major problems have not been with the boys but with the neighbors. Two days after the house was opened, an irate man appeared at the door saying, "You have a very disorderly family and I am going to report you to the police." One of the assistants, himself a former *galera* boy, tried to pacify him by saying, "We're trying to change these boys, but it has to be done little by little." The man remarked that more supervision was needed, the assistant agreed, and asked him to come and help. The neighbor left and has not been seen since.

Another of St. Michael's problems has been with the police. Understandably, the detectives found St. Michael's a convenient place to look for suspects. Just before the center was opened, a committee of welfare workers, department of justice officials, and Sisters went to the chief of police, explained the purpose of

St. Michael's House and the need for the boys to feel free to come. They asked that the police stay away and after a few visits to the center, they have left the house alone. The Sisters do their share by urging boys in trouble to see the probation officer and fugitives from the Industrial School to return.

While St. Michael's has its problems, the Sisters believe they have had an abundance of blessings. When the center was first opened, any kind of team games were almost impossible for they invariably ended in arguments or fights. Gradually the boys learned to play together and last summer they had a series of tournaments which were climaxed with a field day. Bad sportsmanship was not displayed once, even in the most hotly contested games.

The house holds another enviable record. During the first year, with the house open six days a week from nine in the morning until five in the afternoon, the only deliberate damage was a tiny cut in a plastic table cover. The boys have taken real pride, not only in trying to keep the house and equipment in good condition, but in sharing. Their Lenten Offering totalled \$7.52 and \$5 was contributed to the cancer fund.

The real blessings are in the influence the Church has in the boys' lives. Three of the four assistants at St. Michael's this past summer are preparing for confirmation, along with several of the so-called gang of the neighborhood. One sixteen-year-old boy, of whom it was said, "You'd better get rid of him. He is no good," has been baptized, is preparing for confirmation, and is fast becoming one of the most popular and trustworthy boys at St. Michael's.

This, of course, is not always the case. Some of the boys continue to get into trouble. The gang still spends a good deal of time on the street corners, bad language and stealing are still reported from time to time, and there is still pushing and shoving when the sandwiches run low.

The work at St. Michael's was begun on faith, with only a small part of the necessary income being assured, but generous contributions of new and used clothing have been

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# Michael's

## LEGED BOYS

table games, handcrafts, and reading. Two showers, one in the house and one in a cement bathhouse on the patio, are in constant use. One room is set apart for a small chapel.

Several people have volunteered their talents at St. Michael's; students from the States have worked during the summer months; and several older boys, all of whom have been in trouble with the police, have been employed at small wages, mostly to help them until they can find full-time work. Eleven boys were employed at different times during the first year: only two have been in trouble since. Don Pedro Retamar, the caretaker, is extremely interested in the boys and has won their respect and admiration.

When the Government Park and



CHEO and his nephew are St. Michael's regulars. Boys of all ages are welcome.





# News from our Missionaries

## Muktuk and Quak for Festival Dinner

By the Rev. ROWLAND J. COX

ST. Thomas' Mission, Point Hope, Alaska, now has a priest. On Friday, October 16, 1953, the Rt. Rev. William J. Gordon, Jr., Missionary Bishop of Alaska, and two other clergy flew here in the Bishop's plane, *The Blue Box*, and on St. Luke's Day, October 18, I was ordained to the priesthood at what was for me a magnificent service.

Monday morning the plane woke up the whole village as we left just after dawn, seven o'clock then but now scarcely existent, for Point Lay, where the Bishop left me to begin a second round of visits to the mission's outstations. One of the many respects in which this mission is unique is that it encompasses an area four hundred miles long but only one hundred yards wide, along the coast and up one river.

Point Lay is the northernmost congregation of our Church, a village of only sixty people 160 miles up the coast from us. After two days there I flew the length of the parish with Tommy Richards, an Eskimo pilot who carries the mail to Point Hope, and within three hours was in Kotzebue, our southern boundary. Kotzebue, the trading center for the northwest coast and in our eyes the big city, is a growing town of six hundred which is attracting many Eskimos from the smaller and poorer villages. Our work there has been hampered in the past by lack of a church, but we have bought a rugged one-room building and after

considerable work has been done on it, we shall have a fine small church.

I stayed in Kotzebue for five days and then flew with the mail to Noatak, sixty miles north of Kotzebue and twenty miles inland, for my first visit there. Two days later and I was in Kivalina, built on a sand bar separating a lagoon from the ocean, half-way between here and Kotzebue, where we have some eighty church members.

At each of these villages we had daily services, a celebration of the Holy Communion, baptisms, and communions for the sick, and in Kivalina we had a marriage. I seem to be marriage commissioner for this area, which is convenient. In Kivalina we have a church, built largely by Bishop Gordon, but in other villages services were held in log cabins, sod igloos, schoolrooms, and National Guard halls.

Point Hope itself is a fine village, population 270, built on the end of a sand spit which points out into the Arctic Ocean. The Eskimos have lived here for centuries because it is an excellent spot for hunting: from the sea, whales, seal, and fish; from the land, caribou and birds; and from the ice, polar bear. Our admiration for these people is great, as is our admiration for the work the Church has done here in the past.

Thanksgiving was marked here in fashion fit for the occasion. At eleven in the morning the villagers gathered in the church for a celebration of the Holy Eucharist. After the service the children and old people united in the parish hall while the others returned to the village to collect the

provisions. At four, the Thanksgiving feast began with speeches and prayers by members of the village council, the singing of the Doxology, and the blessing of the food. We all sat on benches or the floor while the waiters passed cartons, tubs, and platters piled high with favorite Eskimo food: *quak* (frozen raw caribou and frozen raw fish), *muktuk* (raw whale skin and blubber), raw whale meat (last summer's), caribou fat ice cream, and cans of corn-on-the-cob, crackers, bread, doughnuts, cake, tea, and coffee. Although songs about "first the grain and then the ear" are a bit out of place in this location, the harvest was indeed a good one.

When this huge feast had been eaten, and the remnants packed away to take home, games and Eskimo dancing began. The dancers were accompanied by drums, made of whale liver skin, and by a shrill women's chorus. The dances ranged from imitations of animals and stories of hunting trips to a Joe Louis dance.

The spirit and the good humor of the feast were wonderful, and it was an impressive day. But the Point Hopers tell us that Christmas is much more fun and preparations for it are well begun. Tomorrow we shall start wrapping the presents for each person in the village. The festivities will begin Christmas Eve with Evening Prayer and carols followed by the small children's Christmas play in the parish hall. Christmas morning the Holy Communion will be celebrated and at three o'clock Christmas afternoon the feast will begin, more *quak* and *muktuk* and the fixings. But this time Santa Claus will follow the meal and the celebration will continue throughout Christmas week with Eskimo dances, ancient Eskimo plays, dog team races for men and for women, and all kinds of games of skill and strength, as well as the annual village elections for members of the governing council. Christmas, along with the spring whaling feast, is a major occasion of the year.

In the few months we have been here, we have found the life and work rich and rewarding, but we know that it is only through the concern and goodness of those back home that the work of the Church on the Arctic Coast can continue to go forward.

● MR. COX (FORTH, February, page 6) is priest-in-charge of St. Thomas' Mission, Point Hope, Alaska.





QUONSET HUTS are symbols of sudden growth. *Builders for Christ* will help bring Church to many similar communities scattered across the nation.



SHIFTING Indian population, on move into urban areas, creates new problems. Indians remaining on reservations need schools and hospitals.



## BUILDERS FOR CHRIST KEEP PACE WITH NATION

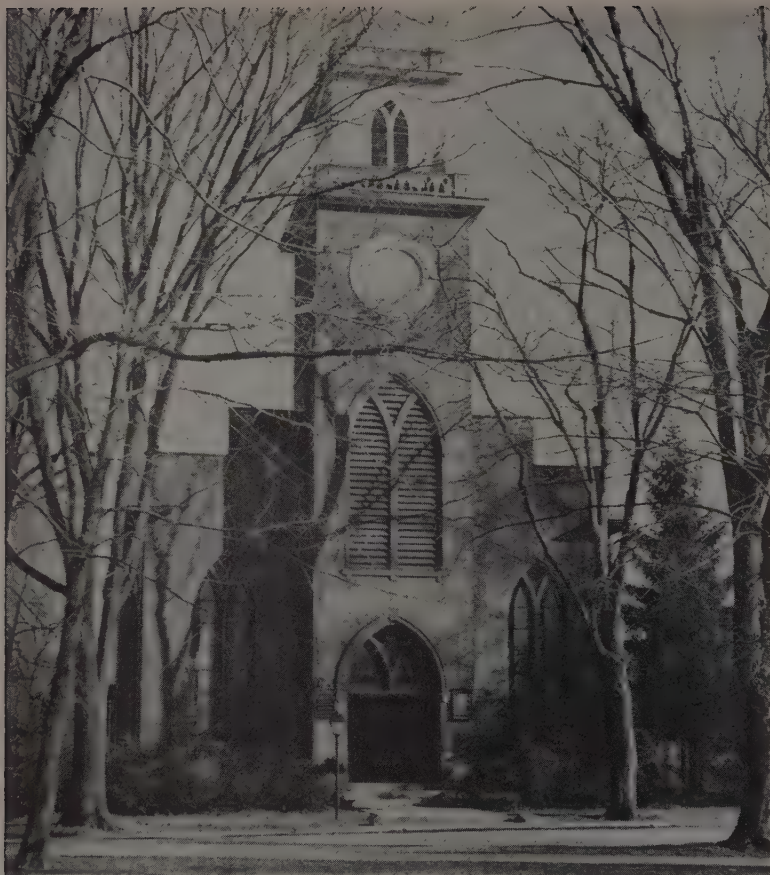
IN MANY parts of the United States the Church has a great opportunity. Where new residential areas have sprung up as a result of industrial expansion and federal projects, the Church has not grown with the same speed as the zooming populations. A part of the funds designated by BUILDERS FOR CHRIST for use by the Church at home will help build churches, parish houses, and rectories in rapidly growing communities. Another portion of the funds will help build schools, hospitals, and other institutional buildings on Indian reservations, in depressed areas, or to aid in special work, such as the ministry to migrants.



CROWDED, depressed areas need recreational facilities (above). Mexican migrant families (below) need worship centers. *Builders for Christ* will help meet some of these wants wherever the need is greatest.







BUILT by pioneers of the 1800's, St. John's Church, Worthington, Ohio, continues to be in the center of the community's life. The original structure, much of it built by hand, is still in use today.

## PIONEER PARISH AIDS NEW MISSION

AS we were served, so shall we serve others seemed to the people of St. John's Church, Worthington, Ohio, to be an appropriate motto for the celebration of their one hundred fiftieth anniversary. Members of the oldest Episcopal Church in the Northwest Territory, they are reminded by their own church building of the service of early parishioners who now are buried in the shadow of the church. Within the church, their pioneer heritage is

visible in the massive hand-hewn timbers that still bear the ax marks of the settlers who felled them. Outside, the handmade bricks are a similar reminder.

Grateful for a long, colorful, and devoted past, St. John's wished to express in some way its thanksgiving and to fulfill the resolution "so shall we serve others." Refurbishing the church inside and out was planned as a part of the sesquicentennial celebration and St. John's decided to

give ten per cent of whatever was raised to help build another pioneer parish. St. John's wrote the National Council of their plan and asked it to suggest a recipient of their gift. From the suggestions, they chose the Church of the Good Shepherd, Prospect, Ore.

The Church of the Good Shepherd's present is reminiscent of St. John's past. As the fertile soil of Ohio appealed to Connecticut farmers in the 1800's, so have the forests of Oregon lured modern pioneers. Loggers, construction workers, and their families have migrated to the Northwest where whole new communities have sprung up. Among them is Prospect, which has grown quietly but surprisingly in recent years. Good Shepherd's congregation is enthusiastic, young, and small, as was St. John's a century and a half ago.

When St. John's church building was erected in 1827, one parishioner recorded in his diary:

FEB. 18, 1827. *St. John's Church. Memo. At work for you. I have entirely worn out a new stone boat, finished using it today. Have never hauled anything on it except stone for you.*

Built at the town's center, nearby fields supplied stones for the foundation and the red bricks were kilned on a neighboring farm. Similarly, Prospect's congregation has fash-



CHURCH of the Good Shepherd, Prospect, Ore., is being built of native lumber and will be outfitted with furnishings made by parishioners. Rectory is in rear; church foundation in front.



ioned the furniture for their new church out of the native cedar of the area.

Prospect is remote from other towns. The nearest large community is Medford, forty-six miles away, and the Church of the Good Shepherd is the only Episcopal Church within 125 miles, but the congregation already has organized a church school and a small mission at Shady Cove, a small community twenty-three miles distant, and holds services in the community hall. Five men from Prospect have been trained as lay readers and have been instrumental in starting the new work. In Prospect also services were held first in a local meeting hall, and now a parish house, vicarage, and church are in the process of being constructed. St. John's thank offering is being used to aid this building project.

Like its adopted child, St. John's was begun in a community hall. From the beginning the Church was at the center of the new village both geographically and spiritually, and the history of Worthington and St. John's Church are closely interwoven.

When stories of the new fertile West made their way back to New England, the rocky Litchfield Hills of Connecticut must have seemed barren by comparison. Among the many young men who considered schemes of migration were the Rev. James Kilbourne, a Congregational

minister, and his friend, Alexander Viets Griswold, who later became the first Bishop of the Eastern Diocese.

Headed by Kilbourne, ten men and their families, who called themselves the Scioto Company, left Connecticut in 1803 for the wilderness of Ohio and there settled the 16,000 acres of land which they had bought for \$1.25 an acre. The town was laid out in 1804 according to the New England town system whereby each man had a town lot and a farm lot. The settlers agreed that one town acre and not less than one hundred acres were to be set aside for their church. While Griswold did not migrate West, he apparently converted Kilbourne, who was ordained deacon and was largely responsible for the organization of "St. John's in Worthington and Parts Adjacent."

The first log cabin in the new town served as the place of worship until 1808 when the Worthington Academy building was erected and services were held there for twenty-three years. The Worthington Academy educated the town's children for tuitions which varied from \$1.50 a term to \$4.00 "for the higher branches such as the foreign languages, astronomy, etc."

St. John's had no priest until 1817 when Philander Chase came from Connecticut to Worthington where he was rector when elected bishop in 1819 of the newly formed Diocese of Ohio. He continued to live in



SOMETIMES called the Johnnie Appleseed of the Church in the Midwest, Philander Chase left the East to become rector of St. John's in 1817 and was the first priest to serve in the parish. The following year he was elected first bishop of the newly formed Diocese of Ohio.

Worthington until 1822 when he moved to Cincinnati, and St. John's rectorship was empty for seven more years. Philander Chase was intensely interested in education and started what is now Kenyon College in Gambier, Ohio, of which one of the Church's seminaries, Bexley Hall, is the divinity school.

The church itself was erected in 1827 and was patterned after a London church which Chase hastily sketched while on a trip to England to raise funds for Kenyon College in 1823. Only the old tower has been removed and reconstructed and stained-glass windows installed; otherwise, the church remains much the same as it was in 1827.

"There is no particular virtue in just being old, for aging is an automatic process with the passage of time," wrote the Rt. Rev. Henry W. Hobson, Bishop of Southern Ohio, to St. John's on their anniversary. "However," he continued, "when a person or a parish is both old and at the same time strong, growing, and healthy, there is ample reason for celebration." The Church of the Good Shepherd, hundreds of miles away in Oregon, finds ample reason for celebration, too, not only because of St. John's gift to them, but because it looks forward to aging and growing with that strength which is peculiar to pioneers.



CLEARING wooded area to build church, workers are equipped considerably better than St. John's builders were a century and a half ago. Prospect has grown rapidly in recent years and is in an area which is booming with new industries and opportunities. As the community has grown, so has the church which already has begun additional work in Shady Cove, a community a few miles away.



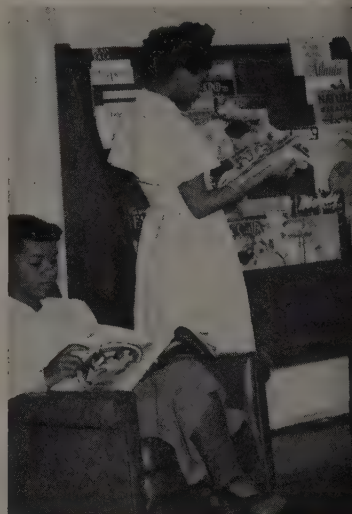
# Church-Sponsored Schools Need Builders For Christ

**P**RIMARY among the aims of BUILDERS FOR CHRIST at home is the provision of funds to aid the American Church Institute for Negroes. This agency of the Episcopal Church was founded in 1906 with a two-fold purpose: to offer, through financial aid to existing schools, upper-level education to Negroes in the South; and to arouse local and State governments to improve their own educational facilities. Opportunities to improve Negro education are still great. Even today, in hundreds of counties, there is no secondary or advanced education available to Negroes.

The five schools which will be aided by BUILDERS FOR CHRIST are St. Paul's Polytechnic Institute in Lawrenceville, Va.; St. Augustine's College, Raleigh, N.C.; Okolona High School and Junior College, Okolona, Miss.; Voorhees School and Junior College, Denmark, S.C.; and Fort Valley College Center, Fort Valley, Ga. The teaching standards and technical equipment of each of these schools have enabled them to achieve the A rating, but their physical plants are sub-standard. Increased enrollments and the necessity to channel available resources into teachers' salaries and laboratory equipment have meant that buildings have become inadequate or run down. BUILDERS FOR CHRIST will help enlarge and improve these facilities and in so doing will help strengthen the influence of these five schools, so vital to the South today.



**FOREMOST** objectives of St. Augustine's College are preparation of teachers and men who will train for priesthood. The Rt. Rev. Bravid W. Harris, Missionary Bishop of Liberia, is graduate. Pre-medical courses are offered and classes in community relations stimulate interest in social work.



**PATTERNS** of education at Institute school, offers Bachelor of Science Degrees and industrial education. Here St. Paul's studies academic work must accompany each technical







VOORHEES, with four hundred acres and thirty-three buildings, has made place for itself in once-hostile community. Almost one thousand pupils are enrolled. School is only high school for Negroes in Denmark and only grade A Negro junior college in South Carolina.



s (below), essentially a trade  
the economics, teacher training,  
of automobile mechanics. Sound  
vorhees students read and relax.



BRICK CHAPEL is center of Fort Valley College Center where Christianity is demonstrated to students of all faiths. Activities of Center are determined by needs of the community. Okolona College (below), which prepares boys to become useful citizens also serves its home county, a small-income farming territory. Many Okolona graduates have successfully raised the standard of living in their own communities.





# VANS CARRY CHURCH TO CANADA'S ISOLATED

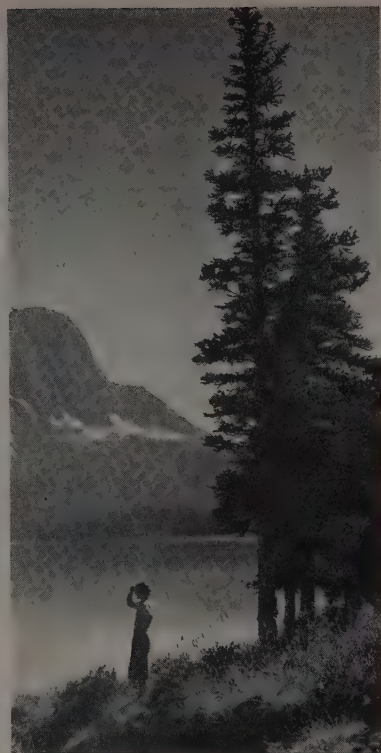
THE brownies have come!" Each year from June to October this shout of little children breaks the silence and loneliness of Canada's Yukon Province as the familiar van of the Canadian Sunday School Caravan makes its way along the rutted roads. Families hurry to greet the visitors who wear the well-known brown cotton suits which have given them their affectionate nickname. To isolated parents the visit means recent news from the rest of the world and a friendly chat over a cup of tea; to the children the arrivals bring new games and songs to learn; and to them all it means learning more about Christ and His Church.

The visitors, Eva Hasell and Iris Sayle, each summer reach hundreds of Yukon families, traveling nearly five thousand miles in four months over roads which are frequently treacherous and sometimes impassable. They are two of sixty women workers who drive the caravan's thirty vans all over Canada, receiving only minimum expenses and no salary.

Through their work, families in fifteen dioceses in Canada receive the

Church's instructions and last year more than 10,000 homes were visited. Contacts are maintained the year around and further teaching is done through a Sunday school by post, comparable to Church School by Mail in the United States. Women of the Episcopal Church share in this great missionary effort of their sister Church in Canada through the United Thank Offering which in 1952 provided aid enabling the purchase of another van.

The work was begun by Miss Hasell more than thirty years after she heard missionaries returning from Canada to her native England report that there was not even Bible teaching being done in parts of Western Canada, much less churches established and clergy in residence. Miss Hasell, who was newly graduated from St. Christopher's College in London and working as a Sunday school organizer for the Diocese of Carlisle, became fired with enthusiasm at the prospect of organizing caravans of workers to reach the isolated people of the vast, sparsely settled parts of Canada. During World War I Miss Hasell drove an ambu-



**RUGGED** Canada and its people thirty-five years ago lured Eva Hasell from a comfortable British home to a life of traveling and teaching

lance for the Red Cross hospital at Penrith and had learned to make repairs, knowledge which later proved invaluable in her Canadian travels.

A British columnist once wrote after an interview with her: "She has the knack of putting all people at their ease, a gesture of friendly comradeship which must mean much to the lonely women and children in the desolate shacks of Western Canada. When you are talking to her you forget the intrepid Englishwoman who knows more about the inside works of a motor van than any male mechanic, who has repaired them under conditions which would appall the mechanical products of an up-to-date garage, who has driven cars in all weathers over corduroy roads made of tree trunks and has had many a breakdown up to the waist in swamps.

"You remember her upbringing at Dalemain, nurtured in the social safety of an English home of some distinction, and you wonder at the spiritual driving force which inspired a life of such manual toil, with not even material gain to compensate for its hardships."

Miss Hasell had wanted to work  
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**ST. NICHOLAS** Caravan in the Diocese of Athabasca is one of thirty vans traveling throughout Canada to bring the Church to isolated people. Ruth Yeoman (left) and Mary Cambridge are driver and teacher. One of thirty vans, this one was bought by Miss Hasell with aid of \$1,500 UTO grant.





STUDENTS of St. Paul's University, Tokyo, receive religious training as a part of the fine education offered by the famous school. Unharmed during the bombings of World War II, St. Paul's continues to be a leading university.

# The Forces of God are on the March

CHRISTIANITY FACES MATCHLESS OPPORTUNITY IN JAPAN

THE picture of Japan which I take home is one of matchless opportunity for the cause of Christianity. A Christian Japan could turn the tide of history in Asia. In many ways Japan today is one of the most strategic and critical spots in the world.

Japan is a land of ancient cultures. Her most precious asset is her people, hard-working, self-disciplined, intensely loyal to the ideals which have been implanted within them. Through the past ten years

● MR. SAYRE, a contributor to FORTH, recently returned from Japan (FORTH, February, page 25), where he was the Presiding Bishop's personal representative for a year. Prior to going to Japan, he was United States representative in the United Nations Trusteeship Council, Assistant Secretary of State, High Commissioner of the Philippines, and professor of international law in Harvard College.

By the Hon.  
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have come disaster and disillusionment. They are realizing now that their ancient religions, Shintoism and Buddhism, are failing to give them the sustaining power with which to meet the tragedy of defeat and disaster. Where can they obtain the undergirding spiritual strength with which to master the mounting problems which confront them?

Christianity is calling from the deep, but the rank and file of Japanese do not yet understand what it means. Among tiny groups here and there the fire of Christianity has been kindled and is aflame. But as yet less than half of one per cent of the Japanese people are Christians.

During the past year which I have been spending in Japan I have felt sometimes as if I were standing on a mighty battleground, watching God making history through His soldiers and saints. The outcome is some-

thing none of us yet can know or comprehend. But Japan is still the land of the rising sun; the things we are beginning to witness here are to me revelations of God's purpose in this part of Asia. Perhaps

*While the tired waves, vainly  
breaking  
Seem here no painful inch to  
gain,  
Far back, through creeks and inlets  
making,  
Comes silent, flooding in, the  
main.*

I think of what I have seen taking place within the *Sei Ko Kwai* during the time of my short year in Japan. In spite of countless discouragements the forces of God are unmistakably on the march.

When I arrived, because our splendid St. Luke's Hospital had been taken over by the Army under the American Military Occupation, our mission hospital staff was forced to carry on its work in utterly

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RELIGIOUS instruction is important part of curriculum in all the Church's schools in Japan. Morning Prayer is said at St. Agnes' School, Kyoto.

## SCHOOLS ARE JAPAN'S STRENGTH



Builders for Christ will aid seven Japanese schools: St. Paul's University and St. Hilda's, Tokyo; St. Agnes', Kyoto; Poole, Osaka; Shoin and St. Michael's, Kobe; and Aova Training School, Sendai



"JAPAN," wrote General Douglas MacArthur, "is a spiritual vacuum. If Christianity does not fill it, communism will." From kindergarten through college, thousands of children, most non-Christians, are educated in schools supported by the Episcopal Church and sister Anglican Churches.





# The Forces of God . . . . . continued

inadequate, third-rate, makeshift quarters with no wards and only a very few beds. St. Luke's College of Nursing, which was generally recognized as the best nurses' training school in Japan, had continued temporarily in the Tokyo Red Cross Hospital; but in 1952 this arrangement had to be terminated, and the college faced the possibility of having to close its doors. But last winter the Army, listening to our appeals, vacated an entire block of temporary buildings adjoining the hospital. These were remodeled and refitted; and in the late spring we moved into a rejuvenated St. Luke's with more than 130 beds and into a new nurses' training school. The Christian ministry of healing is again powerfully winning men and women to Christ at St. Luke's. The sky is alight.

Central Theological College had of late years been struggling against depressing conditions in an antiquated building totally unsuited to its needs. During this past year a new seminary was constructed in an attractive suburb of Tokyo with grounds sufficient for growth and expansion. Last spring the college, with about twenty students, moved into its cheering new quarters. The Very Rev. Shunji F. Nishi, its able dean, together with faculty and students, are now installed and putting down permanent roots. Their faces are turned to the future as never before.

Recently, the *Sei Ko Kwai* National Council met for the first time in its new building in the heart of Tokyo (FORTH, December, 1953, page 19). This well-planned building, corresponding to the American Church Missions House in New York, should go far in stimulating a consciousness of a single national Japanese Church, transcending diocesan lines. It means another forward step in the building of a sound business administration for the *Sei Ko Kwai* and the strengthening of the national Church.

In the northern reaches of Japan great plans are also afoot. Last spring land was purchased adjoining the campus of the Government University in Sapporo, the capital city of Hokkaido; and this spring the *Sei*

*Ko Kwai* is to build a Christian student center to win the students of that important university to a knowledge of Jesus Christ. If this succeeds, our hope is to build similar Christian centers in each of the other four former Imperial Universities where future Japanese leaders are being trained.

At St. Paul's, with its 4,700 students, the largest Christian University in Tokyo, President Junzo Sasaki and other earnest leaders are at work to deepen Christian influences upon the student body. One-third of all the baptisms in the Diocese of Tokyo are at St. Paul's. Only ten per cent of the entering university students are Christian; but when they graduate, I am told, some forty per cent are Christian. To deepen these influences a Christian House is to be constructed on the campus during the coming year; and a substantial part of the necessary fund for this already has been promised. Yet only some ten years ago a totalitarian government was seeking through powerful pressures to stamp active Christianity out of St. Paul's altogether. St. Paul's as a Christian school was in danger of passing out of existence.

Attached to St. Paul's is one of the best primary schools in Japan. One hundred per cent of the primary school teachers are Christian. Here during the past summer a splendid up-to-date new chapel and auditorium with motion picture and gymnasium facilities were completed. Through the children Christianity is reaching out to their parents. Children are baptized when the parents indicate their desire to be baptized along with their children.

A new university auditorium and major classroom buildings are under construction on the college campus and are to be completed within the next few months.

Plans are going forward also for the building of new churches. For instance, it was my privilege during a recent visit to Hokkaido to call with the Rt. Rev. Paul K. Ueda on the mayor and the head of the great paper industry of Tomakomai on the southern coast of Hokkaido, where an important new industrial



BEFORE leaving Japan, the Hon. Francis B. Sayre was able to visit the long-awaited National Council building in the center of Tokyo. Here he speaks to one of the first groups to meet in this new well-equipped building.

center is opening up with promise of some day becoming a thriving city. As a result of our talk, there was secured the grant of a most desirable site for a church; and within the next few months' construction work on the church will be commenced. One of our very promising young American missionaries, now engaged in language study here, will commence his work there this spring.

Bishop Yashiro's agricultural and retreat center at Tarumi is forging ahead. He is rejoicing over his gift from the American Woman's Auxiliary which has enabled him to install wells and a water system at Tarumi; and he has secured the necessary funds to erect there a home for the aged clergy, who have given their lives to the Church and now have no means of support.

And all this growth and development unfolding within a single year! Who shall say that God is not at work in Japan?

But more important than buildings, more significant even than churches, are people. Of significance to me was the brave decision reached in the Synod of the *Sei Ko Kwai* held last April (FORTH, July-August, 1953, page 14). There it was decided that in Japan, as once before in the Roman world, the fullness of time had come, and that under the guidance of God the members of the

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THROUGHOUT the Far East, St. Luke's Hospital, Tokyo, is well-known for modern facilities and fine care of Japan's sick in its concern for man's body as well as his soul. Taken over by the U. S. Army during the Occupation, St. Luke's will someday be returned to the Japanese Church.

*Sei Ko Kwai* would set forth to win Japan for Christ. They initiated a great Laymen's Evangelization Movement to be carried on throughout Japan. Since that time there has been inaugurated within each one of the ten dioceses an intensive laymen's movement to this end. On August 7, 1953, an all-Japan Laymen's Convention was held in Tokyo; and each of the bishops has outlined his plan for the pushing of this movement.

Into all of these activities and forces came new life and fire through the visit last September of the Presiding Bishop of the American Church, the Rt. Rev. Henry K. Sherrill. His visit was a blessing to many.

In the meantime we of America

have sent to Japan some of the finest products of our seminaries, men fired with the spirit of Christ and determined to consecrate their lives to Him.

To effectuate His great designs God needs helpers, Americans as well as Japanese. Some Americans can be privileged to go themselves to Japan to give their lives to God. We need more such men, and also more doctors and teachers and laymen as well.

Other Americans doing God's service at home, where there is also deep need, can perhaps help by sending money for financing work in Japan, where progress halts because of lack of money. I think, for instance, of necessary funds to enable

Japanese students to study for the ministry. The Rt. Rev. Timothy S. Nakamura, Bishop of Tohoku, recently wrote me that he had undertaken to find support for five seminarians at a cost of 12,500 yen a month (\$416.60 a year) and was hard put to it to raise the needed funds. "The task," writes this devoted servant of Christ, "is awfully heavy." I can think of few places where carefully chosen gifts will yield such large returns as in Japan. I think of the work of the Rev. Sakai Matsumura in the National Leper Colony at Kusatsu, where fire recently destroyed a two-story building, valued at \$14,000. He is now seeking \$2,000 to pay the cost of his merciful work among the lepers of Kusatsu. I think of the Rev. Stephen H. Kimura, who seeks only \$1,000 to \$2,000 with which to build a mission cottage for the care of *Sei Ko Kwai* clergymen broken with tuberculosis, the curse of Japan. I think of the need of funds for the building of a church in Nagasaki to take the place of that destroyed by our own atom bomb. The needs, both small and great, are unending. But so, too, are the opportunities.

God's work here in Japan is going forward.

I quite realize how hopeless it may seem for the tiny fringe of Christians living in Japan today to win the millions of Japanese over to Christianity. But in these revolutionary days currents are running fast.

The situation in Japan today is reminiscent of those thrilling days in the Roman Empire during the First

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RURAL CENTER maintained by Church in Tarumi near Kobe teaches modern farming technique as a part of its ministry to Japanese farmers. Japan's Presiding Bishop, the Rt. Rev Michael H. Yashiro, (left) and catechist proudly display prized cow. Lepers (right) are served by Church at Kusatsu.



THE annual Red Feather Award for outstanding volunteer service recently was bestowed on Mrs. Victor Shaw of Fairmont, W. Va., by the Community Chests and Councils of America, Inc.

In discussing her work as a volunteer, Mrs. Shaw said,

"If I've done anything, it's been to convince people of the necessity of citizen participation in all kinds of community service. Lay citizens, in their particular way, have just as important roles to play as professional people. I believe strongly in trying to awaken community leaders to the need of finding people in all walks of life to do community jobs, rather than using the same people over and over again. Until the Church and welfare agencies recognize this, they are not reaching their potential."

Mrs. Shaw knows whereof she speaks. She is active both in her parish and in local and national social and welfare agencies. As president of the woman's parish board of Christ Church Parish, Fairmont, W. Va., she heads the co-ordinating group for all the women's organizations, which is comparable to being president of the Woman's Auxiliary. She also is an active member of the altar guild.

Mrs. Shaw is currently vice president of the Community Chests and Councils of America, and secretary of the Family Service Association of America (FORTH, December, 1953, page 24).

An outstanding speaker, she is in great demand to address groups throughout the country. This past fall she travelled to Los Angeles to

## CHURCHMEN in the NEWS

### Mrs. Victor Shaw is Magnetic Social Work Volunteer

address a thousand women at a Community Chests and Councils meeting. An attractive, stylishly dressed woman, who makes many of her own clothes and hats, she is able to captivate her audience with her warmth and wit. Whether she is chairing a small meeting or addressing an auditorium full of people, she keeps her audience spellbound.

Mrs. Shaw likes people. A chance acquaintance or a life-long friend feels equally at ease in her presence. She is extremely efficient without losing any of her femininity. Efficiency is a necessary part of her crowded life. Since the death of her husband a year ago, she has been "learning to be a landlady," managing the settlement of his estate and the property he left.

A native of Ansted, W. Va., where her father was superintendent of schools, Thelma Skaggs Shaw was confirmed as a high school girl by the Rt. Rev. Robert E. L. Strider, then Bishop Coadjutor of West Virginia. After graduation from the University of West Virginia she taught school in Dover, Del. When she and Victor Shaw, a Fairmont attorney, were married, it was Bishop Strider who officiated. Bishop Strider recalls, "I have known her since her confirmation and have admired her character and personal gifts very much. She has been extremely active in church work and in social and educational activities. . . ."

Mrs. Shaw says she first became interested in community welfare when as a young bride she moved to Fairmont some twenty-five years ago and joined the Junior League. A requirement for a new member is an orientation course to acquaint her with community needs and responsibilities. "I've been interested ever since," she confesses.

One of her most satisfying achievements is the success of the children's theater bureau which, as a member of the Fairmont Junior League, she helped to organize. When the theater was first started, she took part in every phase, acting, designing costumes, and painting scenery. The children's theater is now a Fairmont institution and provides entertainment for children in the form of ballets, operas, stories of science, and plays in which the children themselves and local college students participate.

Though most of her volunteer activity has been in social and civic groups, Mrs. Shaw says she finds work in the Church equally exciting. She strongly believes in relating the Church and the community to each other. Recently she organized an interfaith meeting at which the Rev. Charles W. Lowry, author of *Communism and Christ*, was the speaker. "It did a great deal to help people in the community understand the Church and for what it stands," she said.

Mrs. Shaw is thrilled to find out the extent to which people take responsibility for such things as the annual bazaar. Lay participation is a subject close to her heart and one of her favorite platform topics. For two years she was chairman of the national Advisory Committee on Citizen Participation, a jointly sponsored activity of the National Social Welfare Assembly and Community Chests and Councils. Under her chairmanship the committee's program helped to broaden citizen-participation in services both nationally and locally. It was at this committee's twenty-first birthday party

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Mrs. Shaw also has been vice president of the Association of Junior Leagues of America, was a vice president of the 1953 National Conference of Social Work, and currently is a member of the National Advisory Committee on Survey of Social Work Education. Her list of volunteer jobs in her home State and county is imposing.

Despite the fact that her public life keeps her extremely busy, she finds time to enjoy good books, music, the theater, and especially evenings conversing with her friends. Her Fairmont home, where she lives with her mother and their dog, Rascal, is a haven of hospitality. She loves to cook and is famous for her blackbean soup. "In fact, I can't think of a thing she can't do, and do well," a friend once remarked.

• The Rt. Rev. Paul Matthews, fifth Bishop of New Jersey, died January 17. He was the father of T. S. Matthews (FORTH, May, 1950, page 23), former editor of *Time*, and long a student of the works of T. S. Eliot (*Life*, February 1).

• Mrs. JOHANNA LALLY, secretary to the Rev. C. Rankin Barnes, Secretary of the National Council, recently celebrated her fortieth anniversary at National Headquarters.

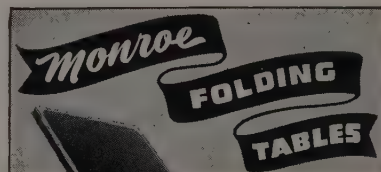
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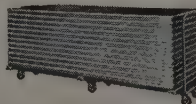
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● The Rev. MASSEY H. SHEPHERD, professor of church history at the Episcopal Theological School, Cambridge, Mass., and author of *The Worship of the Church* (Greenwich, Seabury Press) and *Oxford American Prayer Book Commentary* (New York, Oxford University Press), will join the faculty of the Church Divinity School of the Pacific next September. . . . The Rev. MARCOS E. CARVER, founder and priest-in-charge of missions on the Island of Kauai, Hawaii, 1917-1925, died recently.

● The Rt. Rev. W. BLAIR ROBERTS, Missionary Bishop of South Dakota since 1931, resigned January 1 because of age. He was succeeded by his coadjutor, the Rt. Rev. CONRAD H. GESNER, who was installed as Missionary Bishop on the Feast of the Epiphany.

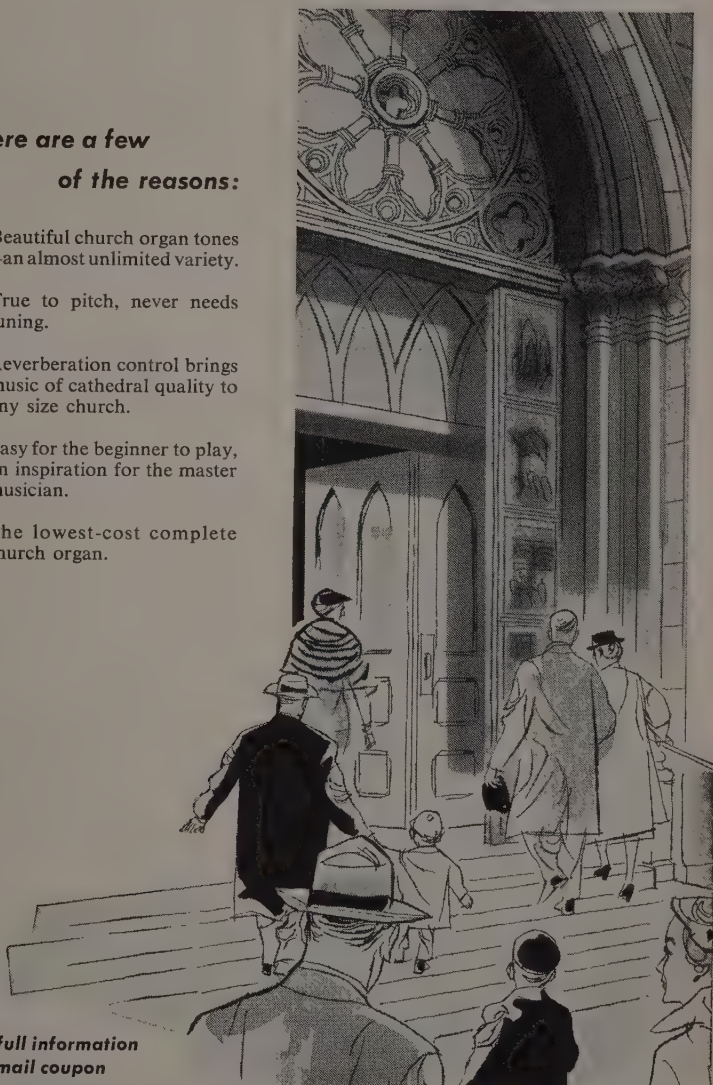
● The Rt. Rev. JNO. B. BENTLEY, Vice President of the National Council and Director of the Overseas Department, and the Rev. CLAUDE L. PICKENS, Jr., Assistant Secretary of the Overseas Department, are representatives on the recently created interchurch Council of Christian Higher Education in Asia. . . . The Very Rev. JOHN C. LEFFLER, dean of St. Mark's Cathedral, Seattle, Wash., is the new chairman of the National Council's Department of Christian Social Relations.

● The Rev. ISAAC HIDETOSHI NOSE, rector of St. Andrew's Church, Tokyo, has been elected Bishop of South Tokyo. . . . The Rev. WILLIAM W. BALDWIN (FORTH, February, 1953, page 18), for many years locks operator and carpenter foreman of the Locks Division of the Panama Canal, was ordained priest recently, and CHARLES E. DAVIS, an employee of the Panama Canal Company since 1924, was ordained deacon. Mr. Davis will continue to work as a station clerk at Pedro Miguel while he completes his studies for the priesthood.

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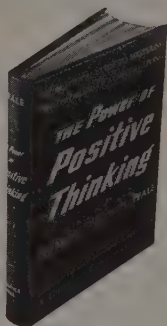
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## Canadian Caravan

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for the Church overseas but found learning such languages as Chinese and Japanese difficult. She became interested in the Archbishop's Western Canada Fund which was started in 1910 to provide clergy and lay workers for the thousands of farmers and their families who were then migrating to the prairie provinces of Canada. Miss Hasell was appointed as secretary for the fund in her Diocese of Carlisle and through her work met the missionaries who inspired her own enterprise.

The Queen Mother of England, Queen Elizabeth, annually contributes toward the Canadian caravan and in turn receives the yearly report of its work. Last year she directed a lady-in-waiting to write Miss Hasell that she did "indeed admire the way in which you continue to carry on your great work in spite of many difficulties."

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Children's Chapel

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The contract was let to the same builder who had built the church in 1928, and construction was begun. Though much smaller than the church building, St. Luke's Chapel was to have the same general style of architecture and to be built of similar materials. The interior design matched the nave, chancel, and sanctuary of the church itself.

After months of hard work the Children's Chapel of St. Luke's was finished in the early autumn of 1952. The first service was held there on September 7, 1952. On January 18, 1953, the building was dedicated by the Rt. Rev. Stephen F. Bayne, Jr., Bishop of Olympia, during his annual visitation to St. Luke's.

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**NASH K. BURGER**

As Churchmen we are frequently reminded of the importance of the Church's seminaries. Tomorrow's Church, we are rightly told, will be led by the men now in seminary. But seminarians experience sixteen years of American education even before they enter the seminary. And tomorrow's laymen and laywomen also experience sixteen years, more or less, of American education. As Churchmen, no less than as parents, citizens, and taxpayers, we have a stake in the kind of education offered by our schools.

A moment's reflection will make clear that the quantity and quality of our seminarians, as well as the quantity and quality of tomorrow's clergy and laity are strongly influenced by the theories and practices of American education. And education for most Churchmen, in spite of many excellent private and parochial schools, means public education.

Signs are not wanting that Churchmen and others are paying increasing attention to their public schools and, in many cases, are not too well satisfied with what they find. A common complaint is that public education omits the most important element in education: religion. This concern is well summarized in a paragraph of G. Elson Ruff's *The Dilemma of Church and State* (Philadelphia, Muhlenberg Press. \$1.50):

"Banishment of God from public education is the beginning of the establishment of No-God. This is a direct development from the Jeffersonian opinion that religion is a private matter and has no place in pub-

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lic life. In public schools the pupils may study the poetry of Shakespeare but not the Psalms. They learn about George Washington and Napoleon but not about Jesus of Nazareth. They are taught the science of biology but not that God is the maker of heaven and earth. It is useless to say that children should be taught religion privately at home or in church, when so large a part of their most impressionable years is lived within the environment from which religion is excluded."

Mr. Ruff, editor of *The Lutheran*, magazine of the United Lutheran Church, traces the way in which the effort to achieve non-denominationalism in American schools and public life has resulted in the exaltation of non-religion over religion, of secularism over the Christian concepts on which this nation was founded and has endured. "The State," says Mr. Ruff, "has already gone a long way in replacing God as the people's supreme allegiance." He suggests some of the things that Christians can do to combat, in education and other fields, the creeping secularism that can destroy both our freedom and our religion.

In addition to the obvious problem of religion in education there are other aspects of modern public education that have provoked criticism. Two excellent books that survey the present condition of our schools in a readable and stimulating manner are Arthur E. Bestor's *Educational Wastelands* (Urbana, University of Illinois. \$3.50) and Paul Woodring's *Let's Talk Sense About Our Schools* (New York, McGraw-Hill. \$3.50).

The most serious criticism made by these two books is that the basic orientation of public education is wrong, that it has been too largely influenced by theories promulgated by John Dewey and exalted into dogma by the professional educators and teachers' colleges that control methods and curriculum. These dogmas have been made into articles of faith, but they are secular, materialistic, anti-intellectual and, in effect, anti-Christian. Neither Mr. Bestor nor Mr. Woodring are writing from a professedly religious perspective, but they express a concern for intellectual and moral values that is essentially Christian. What they

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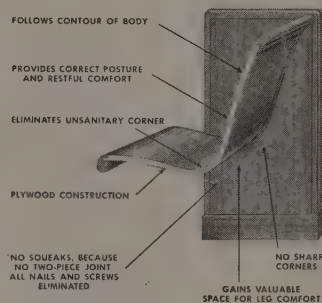


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have to say is worth the careful attention of Churchmen, and one might hope their books will receive a careful reading by school officials.

In view of the religious vacuum in public education and what Mr. Bestor calls "the retreat from learning," it is not surprising that a high proportion of our seminarians and clergy have had at least part of their education in church schools or colleges. Such schools are in a much better position to foster and encourage religious vocations. A recent statement by four church colleges, Trinity, Kenyon, Hobart, and Seawance, pointed out that fourteen per cent of our clergy and twenty-five per cent of our bishops have attended one of these four schools, a remarkable record considering the relatively small number of students involved.

This record cannot be explained simply in terms of church members naturally attending church schools. Indeed, many of our clergy and most active laymen entered the Church from other religious bodies during their attendance at church schools.

Gordon K. Chalmers, president of Kenyon, in his *The Republic and The Person* (Chicago, Henry Regnery, \$4), strongly stated the case for these liberal arts, church colleges with their concern for intellectual, moral, and spiritual values. Churchmen who have not yet read this excellent book should do so. By strengthening the schools and colleges of the Church, by working for the return of religion and the raising of intellectual and moral standards in our public institutions, from grade school through college and university, Churchmen can do much to strengthen the Church of tomorrow.

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# The Bishop's Address

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parochial giving seven times. Baptized membership has grown about two and a half times, communicants two and a third times, church school enrollment almost four times what they were ten years ago.

The credit for what has been happening very largely goes to the clergy of the churches and to the people whose money and labors have made possible the physical and many of the spiritual results. It was my great privilege to be consecrated on the Feast of the Epiphany, 1944, just when this new era was about to begin. I am grateful that I have been permitted to be in the missionary district at a time of such achievement.

## Sharing our Faith

The Presiding Bishop's Committee on Laymen's Work has provided a friendly visitation plan for a parish, conveniently arranged for group training. I recommend that it be used by women as well as men visitors. Please ask for a set of the instruction sheets for your church.

What are we doing to welcome to our church the great number of new people who move to our community each year, many of them taking the

places of those who have moved elsewhere? Do you think of these new people's and their children's need for what your church can give them?

Let us not forget that this is an age which gives greater honor to material achievements and rewards than it does to faith in God and to honoring Jesus Christ. A church member who *does* something to bring another into the Kingdom is doing far more to defend America and the Christian way of life than are those who confine their activities to sounding an alarm.

## Builders for Christ

General Convention at Boston in Sept., 1952, directed that during the triennium there be conducted a campaign to enlarge or repair the build-

ings of our institutions serving in the name of the whole Church which are most in need of material improvements. For three months from Jan. 15 to April 15, one-month periods are appointed for study and description of seriously needed requirements in three different areas: our seminaries, certain overseas work (Japan, the Philippines, Puerto Rico), and in the United States five of the American Church Institute for Negroes colleges.

These three major objectives are the responsibility of our whole Church. We can do our part. Probably there has been no time when so many dioceses have been raising special funds for their own institutional and missionary advance. The same is true with parish enlargements all over America. It is fortunate for this district that San Joaquin has not committed itself to a district-wide drive for a hundred thousand dollars, say, much as we need it for expansion purposes. We are therefore free to put our best will and work into raising our fair share of the national goal of \$4,150,000.00.

## The Anglican Congress

At Minneapolis, Aug. 4-13, there is to be held the decennial world meeting of our Church, whose theme

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Holy Communion celebrated ..	48
Baptisms .....	4
Ordination of a deacon .....	1
Sermons and addresses .....	119
Personal interviews .....	731
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Weddings .....	2
Dedications .....	3
Consecration of a church .....	1
Confirmed .....	524



## The Rev. Harry B. Lee To Become Associate Dean

The Rev. Harry Beekman Lee, rector of Grace Church, St. Helena, and St. Luke's, Calistoga, Calif., has accepted the call of the Bishop, the Dean, and the Cathedral Chapter, to become Associate Dean of St. James' Cathedral, Fresno.

Mr. Lee was born in Pueblo, Colo., Aug. 13, 1903. He received his education at the University of Redlands, University of California, and the Church Divinity School of the Pacific in Berkeley, from which he was graduated in 1929.

He was ordained priest by the late Rt. Rev. W. Bertrand Stevens, Bishop of Los Angeles, in 1930. He has served in St. Stephen's Church, Beaumont; Trinity Church, Escondido; and St. Paul's Church, Modesto. While at Modesto, he was professor of philosophy at Modesto Junior College. Recently, he has headed youth work in the Diocese of Sacramento.

San Joaquin welcomes his return.

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is The Call of God and the Mission of the Anglican Communion. It is hoped that over three hundred dioceses will be represented, each by its bishop, a priest, and a lay person. Leaders will include the Rt. Rev. Henry Knox Sherrill, Presiding Bishop, the Archbishops of Canterbury, Dublin, and Quebec, the Bishop of London, and others, including representatives from the Gold Coast, Johannesburg, Liberia, Lagos, and Ceylon.

San Joaquin is to be represented by three. Others, however, may attend unofficially, if they desire.

### Christian Education

Our National Council Department of Christian Education is coming closer to the time when it will have completed new graded courses. They are being prepared by our best educators on the basis of careful experimentation according to the fundamentals of redemptive

Christianity. Many of us are impatient and unbelieving that any method should be so different from past patterns that a competent group of experts could not produce in a few months' time all the material needed.

Many of you in the last several years have attended conferences at Healdsburg, Mills College, or at one of seven different centers in this district. I hope you are less impatient than the rest of us. This spring several selected groups of our teachers will be given the advantage of intensive week-end training.

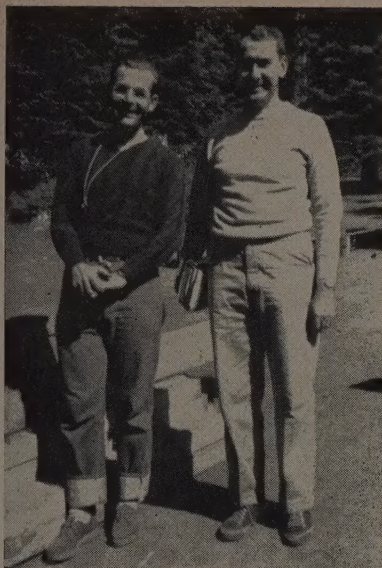
Until the new official Episcopal series is printed completely and distributed, and after that, there still are a number of most essential requirements. No church should permit any activity to be given greater importance or support than its church school. From birth to death our faith must be inextricably connected with the educational process. It should be almost an obsession of clergy, vestries, and other leaders. It will of course be an indication of

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Mendota			6.64	18.00			3.85			28.49
Merced	106.45	81.00	47.26	73.96	225.00				54.50	588.17
Modesto		71.10	140.68	73.95	475.00		27.10		20.75	808.58
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whether or not we have a clear responsibility for the *future* of our children and our Church.

### Town & Country

1953 may have been the best year in our missionary district history in the volume of loving deeds done for migratory and other farm laborers and their families. The Woman's Auxiliaries of San Joaquin have helped make possible the calling of a full-time woman worker, Mrs. Jeanne Price, into the Mendota area, assisting with her transportation costs and with gathering dolls and other gifts for over six hundred children of the work camps of west Fresno County. The growth of All Saints' Mission and its improvements are among the most joyful of my experiences the past year.

Likewise, in the smaller community of Terminus, Mrs. Gladys Forsberg of Lodi has been doing a great work making innumerable visits as a trained social worker, keeping Emmanuel Sunday school at capacity attendance, working in conjunction with Helen Wagstaff and with College of Pacific students, including members of the Canterbury Club. One of Mrs. Forsberg's many problems is what to do about the annual increases in families which already have fifteen children!

In connection with the Church's program in farm areas I was chair-

man of four town and country conferences in the spring at Davis, Visalia, Hollister, and Reno for the Northern California-Nevada Council of Churches. Leaders included the Rt. Rev. Lane W. Barton, Missionary Bishop of Eastern Oregon, the Rt. Rev. Henry H. Shires, Suffragan Bishop of California, and one of our national leaders in this field, William V. Dennis, Acting Assistant Secretary of the National Council's Town and Country Work Division.

It is important that our churches keep in close touch with as many as possible who live on farms and ranches, and give their children the benefits of Christian training, through a motor corps by mail.

### Woman's Auxiliary

Year after year this inclusive organization has grown steadily in strength, in spirituality, and in service. Mrs. Davis is one of the best presidents I have known. Deeply religious and sincere she has given her time and her leadership without stint. More time is now given in our churches to the devotional and educational aspects of the program, I believe, than ever before. I feel personally indebted for the women's dedicated support. We are all proud that Mrs. Walters was elected President of the National Executive Board of the Woman's Auxiliary, which meets four times a year in Connecticut.

### Laymen's Work

In addition to the usual, but important, official duties of our men in their parish, many have served as lay readers outside their own church and in helping smaller congregations with their financial programs. The Director of the Presiding Bishop's Committee for Laymen's Work in San Joaquin is Ralph P. Neate of Coalinga, one of our most experienced and best informed men.

The Rev. Victor M. Rivera of Visalia takes first place in the amount of time he gives to the training of lay readers. Two of them have been recently ordained after study at the Church Divinity School of the Pacific in Berkeley and a third is studying there now.

Now that we have our increasingly well-equipped conference center we plan to use it for retreats, with capacity attendance. That for lay

readers this year is scheduled for the week-end of July 23-25.

### Camp San Joaquin

This is our only district institution. I have acknowledged our debt to the national Woman's Auxiliary for helping to replace the original main building destroyed by four hundred tons of snow two years ago. St. Paul's, Visalia, has given a lovely chapel, which will be in use this year.

Last year we had three youth conferences and three for adults. This year, under the Rev. Carleton J. Sweetser's general direction we are scheduling four youth conferences for two hundred or more young people and children, besides several for adults. The greatest single achievement of the camp in 1953 is that several of our clergy tell of new youth organizations resulting from their boys' and girls' experiences at camp. And some of our boys are now thinking of studying for Holy Orders, as a result of their impressions last summer.

### College Work

The Rev. John T. Raymond is chairman of our district committee and the Rev. Clarence T. Abbott has served for several years as part-time chaplain to the students of the College of the Pacific. Clergy in cities where there are colleges or junior colleges have Canterbury Clubs for Episcopal students and friends when-

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### Oakdale Men and Women Hold Winter Elections

The following men were elected to the vestry of St. Matthias', Oakdale, at a business meeting preceded by a potluck dinner on Jan. 11: Ira deLong, Harold Long, Mish Clipper and Phillip McNear. Delegates to convocation were Robert Gilbert and David Tulloch.

The pageant Feast of Lights, under the supervision of Mrs. Ira deLong, was beautifully presented by the young people of the Trinity Club on Jan. 17.

St. Matthias' Guild elected Mrs. Ira deLong and Mrs. Gordon Pimley delegates and Mrs. Estelle MacFarlane and Mrs. Emma Gilbert alternates to the annual meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Missionary District.



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ever it is possible. It is our earnest desire to know and to guide all college young people whom we can reach.

### The Church Universal

Let me again ask you to work with your fellow Christians of the other Churches. Much good can be done that way which no one denomination can accomplish by itself.

Normally an Episcopal clergyman should be a member of the ministerial association, his parish should be one of the council of Churches, when there is such an organization, the Woman's Auxiliary should participate in the activities of the United Council of Churchwomen, including such annual observances as the World Day of Prayer, World Community Day, and May Fellowship Day. Even a token, if not larger, contribution by the parish to the Northern California, National, and World Councils of Churches is proper.

### Further Thanks

One of the most helpful and generous laymen I have known is the district treasurer, Ed B. Leduc, whose rewards for his services are other than financial. He has spent many hours during the year acquainting himself with the details of our finances and giving the counsel which a successful business man is able to give.

Succeeding the late W. Coburn Cook I nominate for chancellor of San Joaquin Robert K. Meyers, district attorney of Tulare County and a faithful communicant of St. John's, Tulare.

Helen Wagstaff, secretary for Christian education in the missionary district, and Mrs. E. A. Kletzker, assistant treasurer and Bishop's secretary, both give of their time far beyond the call of duty. Their services mean very much to us all.

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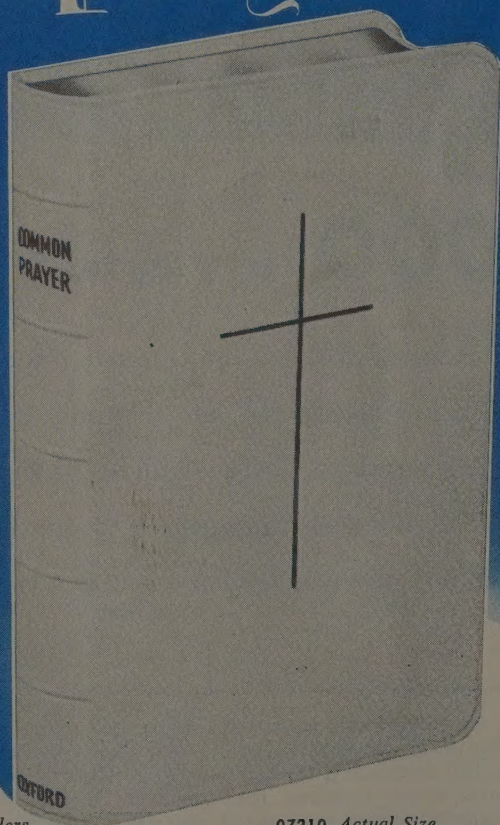


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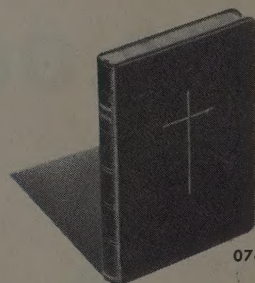
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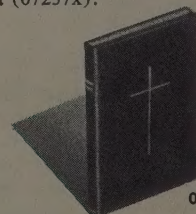
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